



PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Mark HELLNER

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AND PROTECTING PULSED
HIGH POWER FIBER AMPLIFIER SYSTEMS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement entered by the Examiner on May 24, 2006, Applicants wish to respond by electing Species III, (Fig. 7). All claims are believed readable on the elected species. It is noted that the figures indicated by the Examiner as identifying different species do not in fact represent separable embodiments. For example, Figure 1 is simply a conceptual diagram, and Figure 8 is provided as an aid in explaining the oscillator wavelength. The Examiner may find claims 14 and 28 – 30 to be more grounded in Figure 6, but Applicants do not believe Figure 6 to represent a separable species.

Applicants reserve the right to present divisional applications directed to other elements of the invention at an appropriate time.

In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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